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- 1. Polish soldiers of the labor battalions were withdrawn from the mines during the fall of 1954. Instead the Somica Mine (Kopalina Somica) in Cliwice (Cleiwite) reserved 250 young men between the ages of 17 and 19. These men came from a vocational training school (Sakola Praysposobienia Zawodowego) and are living in the Westfeld barrack camp. The young men are under the supervision of officers and noncommissioned officers. Because of continual mutinies and brewls, they were sent away after three months.
- 2. The mine workers' hours of work have been out from 8 to 7 hours (until further notice). Convicts are also used to work in the mines. They work in shifts two Sundays a month. The number of accidents is still increasing. The new manager of the mine, Engineer Eobylinski, is a fanatic Communist and hater of everything German.
- 3. A brigade staff from the WOP (Military Border Guard) is stationed in the former Keith-Hof (eld cavalry barracks) in Cliwice on former Friedrichstrasse, now ul. Kosedasakiego. Arrested deserters from the Gaech border are brought here. The former barracks belonging to Infantry Regiment on former 25X1 Labanderstrasse is going to be occupied by troops again. So far these barracks have been used by an automobile spare-part factory (Fabryka Caesci Samochodowych). There is a fenced-in tank-testing ground in the woods behind the Sebisgowiece (Fetersdorf) quarter by the highway toward Fyskowice (Feiskretscham) N 50-2h, E 18-38). Here tanks are tested which are built in the Stalin Foundry (Huta Stalina) in Labedy (Laband N 50-20, E 18-37).
- 4. Jet fighters of the MIG-15 type and jet bombers of the II-28 type are often seen over Gliwice. The planes are assumed to come from the Brzeg (Brieg N 50-51, E 17-28) airfield. On 18 March 1955 an MIG-15 jet fighter is supposed to have made a forced landing near Przyszowice (Preiswitz N 50-15, E 18-45). The pilot, a Polish officer, did not let any civilians approach the plane until military personnel had arrived. The pilot was seriously injured.
- 5. Supplies for the population are very poor. There is a shortage especially of meat and lard and often of bread. The lines in front of the stores are very long and dissatisfaction is increasing.

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